

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK (**

2 Applicants: Tachibana et al.

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5 For: WATERMARK SIGNAL GENERATING APPARATUS, WATERMARK SIGNAL
6 GENERATING METHOD, COMPUTER-EXECUTABLE PROGRAM FOR PERFORMING
7 THE SAME METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM IN WHICH
8 THE SAME PROGRAM IS STORED, DIGITAL WATERMARK EMBEDDING
9 APPARATUS, AS WELL AS DIGITAL TELEVISION APPARATUS INCLUDING THE
10 SAME DIGITAL WATERMARK EMBEDDING APPARATUS

11 Commissioner for Patents

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14 **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

15 Sir:

16 Please process this preliminary amendment to the claims prior to calculating the fees for this
17 application.

18 Please amend the above-identified application as follows: